



HUD 2021 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs Homeless Populations and Subpopulations

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IA-502 Des Moines/Polk County CoC

Point-in Time Date: 1/27/2021

Summary by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Households without children ¹	270	75	—	—
Households with at least one adult and one child ²	25	10	—	—
Households with only children ³	0	1	—	—
Total Homeless Households	295	86	111	492

Summary of persons in each household type:

Persons in households without children¹	271	75	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	20	3	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	251	72	—	—
Persons in households with at least one adult and one child²	82	28	—	—
Children Under Age 18	44	17	—	—
Persons Age 18 to 24	9	8	—	—
Persons Over Age 24	29	3	—	—
Persons in households with only children³	0	2	—	—
Total Homeless Persons	353	105	118	576

Demographic summary by ethnicity:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Hispanic / Latino	33	8	—	—
Non-Hispanic / Non- Latino	320	97	—	—
Total	353	105	—	—

Demographic summary by gender:

Female	104	41	—	—
Male	248	64	—	—
Transgender	1	0	—	—
Gender Non-Conforming (i.e. not exclusively male or female)	0	0	—	—
Total	353	105	—	—

* Safe Haven programs are included in the Transitional Housing category.

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¹This category includes single adults, adult couples with no children, and groups of adults.

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Demographic summary by race:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Black or African-American	72	26	—	—
White	241	74	—	—
Asian	9	0	—	—
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	0	—	—
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0	—	—
Multiple Races	26	5	—	—
Total	353	105	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless households by household type reported:

	Sheltered		Unsheltered**	Total**
	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing*		
Chronically Homeless households with at least one adult and one child ²	1	0	—	—

Summary of chronically homeless persons in each household type:

Chronically Homeless persons in households without children ¹	59	5	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with at least one adult and one child ²	4	0	—	—
Chronically Homeless persons in households with only children ³	0	0	—	—
Total Chronically Homeless Persons	63	5	—	—

Summary of all other populations reported:

Severely Mentally Ill	65	14	—	—
Chronic Substance Abuse	63	40	—	—
Veterans	16	15	—	—
HIV/AIDS	2	1	—	—
Victims of Domestic Violence	31	7	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth	20	3	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth Under 18	0	0	—	—
Unaccompanied Youth 18-24	20	3	—	—
Parenting Youth	5	9	—	—
Parenting Youth Under 18	0	1	—	—
Parenting Youth 18-24	5	8	—	—
Children of Parenting Youth	6	10	—	—

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